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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESS REACTION TO SUMMIT

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1. /SUMMARY/. ITALIAN PRESS REPORTS OF RESULTS OF LONDON SUMMIT HAVE BEEN MAINLY LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF CONTENTS OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, COMMENTS ON OUTCOME OF BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS MADE BY ANDREOTTI TO ITALIAN JOURNALISTS FOLLOWING SUMMIT MEETING. OVERALL EVALUATION OF SUMMIT WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, WITH PARTICULAR

ATTENTION PAID TO UNEMPLOYMENT, ENERGY, TRADE AND AID  
THEMES. /END SUMMARY/.

2. /SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE/. BECAUSE MANY ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS  
ARE NOT PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, MAY 9 REPORTS AND EVALUATION OF  
OUTCOME OF LONDON SUMMIT HAVE BEEN LIMITED BUT GENERALLY  
FAVORABLE. ALL REPORTS DESCRIBE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AS CALLING  
FOR: (1) NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH; (2) ADDITIONAL FINANCING  
RESOURCES FOR IMF; (3) TRADE EXPANSION AND RESISTANCE TO  
PROTECTIONISM; (4) INCREASED EMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY OF YOUTH;  
(5) ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DIVERSIFICATION, WHILE AVOIDING  
RISK OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND (6) COMMITMENT  
TO AID FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. RE LAST ITEM, SPECIFIC MENTION  
IS MADE OF CALL FOR POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF CIEC CONFERENCE  
AND APPEAL TO COMECON COUNTRIES TO COLLABORATE IN PROGRAMS  
OF AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RATHER THAN PROVIDING THEM WITH  
MORE ARMS. MILAN'S "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" REPORTS THAT AGREEMENT  
HAS BEEN REACHED ON CREATION OF COMMON FUND TO HELP STABILIZE  
COMMODITY PRICES. FUND WOULD HAVE RESOURCES OF DLR 1 BILLION,  
OF WHICH US AND EC WOULD EACH CONTRIBUTE DLS 375 MILLION AND  
CANADA AND JAPAN THE REST.

3. /CARTER-ANDREOTTI MEETING/. TURIN'S "LA STAMPA" REPORTS  
THAT PRESIDENT CARTER: (A) STRESSED TRADITIONAL STRATEGIC  
ROLE OF ITALY IN MEDITERRANEAN, (B) OUTLINED US POLICY TOWARD  
EUROPE AND ITALY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO INTERNAL  
POLITICAL BALANCE IN ITALY, AND (C) ASSURED ANDREOTTI OF  
WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT IN RESOLUTION OF ITALIAN ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS. ARTICLE QUOTES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HARTMAN  
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AS TELLING PRESS THAT ANDREOTTI DID NOT SEEK ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE FROM US. HARTMAN IS ALSO QUOTED AS REFUSING TO  
COMMENT ON ROLE OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN ITALY AND AS  
INDICATING THAT "PROGRAMMATIC ACCORD" NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN  
ITALY WAS NOT TOUCHED UPON DURING BILATERAL TALK. US SIDE IS  
DESCRIBED AS SHOWING A CERTAIN DEGREE OF OPTIMISM AS TO ITALY'S  
ABILITY TO DEAL WITH ITS PRESENT CRISIS AND AS EXPRESSING  
SATISFACTION AT ITALIAN REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO ATLANTIC  
ALLIANCE AND TO EC. ITALIANS REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED THEIR SOMEWHAT  
DIFFERENT POSITION ON ENERGY BECAUSE OF ITALY'S HEAVY DEPEND-  
ENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY. ANDREOTTI SUPPORTED CARTER  
CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE URGED THAT CAMPAIGN  
BE EXTENDED TO COVER TOTALITARIAN REGIMES OF THE RIGHT AND THAT  
IT BE EXTENDED INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. PRESS REPORTS  
ALSO CONFIRM USG INVITATION TO ANDREOTTI TO VISIT WASHINGTON  
JULY 25-26.

4. /ANDREOTTI STATEMENTS TO PRESS/. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF  
COMMENTS MADE BY ANDREOTTI TO ITALIAN PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING

AS REPORTED IN ROME'S "IL TEMPO":

QUOTE. THE MESSAGE WHICH GOES OUT TODAY FROM LONDON IS A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND CONFIDENCE, EVEN IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF CURRENT PROBLEMS. IT IS AIMED AT GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD BECAUSE WE MUST ALL BE FULLY AWARE THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH AFFLICT OUR NATIONS AND MORTGAGE FUTURE PROGRESS AND PEACE REQUIRE ACTION ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE. THE COMMITMENT TO A STRUGGLE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUTH, ASSUMES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE SINCE IT PRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO THE STRUCTURES AND THE CONCEPTS OF OUR SOCIETIES. AMONG THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN IS THAT OF EMPLOYMENT. WE MUST BE IN A POSITION TO ASSURE JOBS FOR ALL AND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR YOUTH, FOR WHOM OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS ESPECIALLY STRONG. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT IN BELIEVING THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO AVOID RECOURSE TO PROTECTIONIST MEASURES WHICH WOULD IRREMEDIABLY AGGRAVATE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, WITH DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS IN THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FIELDS. I WOULD ALSO

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LIKE TO RECALL THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE HAVE UNANIMOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WITH THE AIM OF BEING ABLE TO MEET OUR GROWING ENERGY NEEDS IN A WORLD WHICH IS CONSTANTLY IN SEARCH OF A HIGHER LEVEL OF ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. UNQUOTE.GARDNER

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